

September 2008 Meeting Minutes



California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN)

Date: September 18, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

***(Please bring your own beverage and make your own copies)**

Location: Cal/EPA, 1001 I Street (Corner of 10th and I), Conference Room 230

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Lead: Sandra Salazar-Thompson

Note taker: Susan Knadle

	Item	Lead	Time	Notes
1.	Check – in and Catch – up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome & Introductions Review Agenda Approve August 2008 Minutes Update Outstanding Action Items 	Sandra	9:30– 9:40	Nita will send draft meetings around
	Guest Speakers: Ms. Maryanne Ciaraglia, Account Executive, Radio Disney Ms. Rosa Lau-Staggs, Chief, Wastewater Environmental Services, City of Fresno Wastewater Management Ms. Gail Cismowski, Environmental Scientist, Central Valley Regional Water Board	Marianne Rosa and Gail	9:40 – 10:00 10:00 – 11:00	<p>Ms. Ciaraglia will describe the Radio Disney program</p> <p>Ms. Rosa Lau-Staggs and Ms. Gail Cismowski will discuss their education and outreach efforts regarding the critical problem of salinity in the Central Valley. They will also share a brief film clip from the documentary “Salt of the Earth – Salinity in California’s Central Valley”.</p> <p>“A collaborative Approach to Basin planning and Salt management” by Water Boards.</p> <p>Gail - Water is collected after irrigation if it is too saline to use and allowed to dry up and produce salt. CV-SALTS is a basin planning effort to address salinity – acronym for Central Valley Salt Coalition (CV-SALTS can be googled) is easier than www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_salts/salinity. Trying to improve regulatory process by involving stakeholders in the planning, and do it region by region, but also involve stakeholders outside of areas covered by these plans. CV-SALTS allows stakeholders to create new ways to manage, but they must abide by current relations. Water softeners are a problem – Mr. Salty in Dixon. Some cities are aware, others are just realizing they have a problem (Woodland, Tracy). Salts come from agriculture, water softeners, detergents, shampoo etc. future concerns are nitrates, a human health concern.</p> <p>Rosa – met with farmers putting water into water treatment plant to get voluntary solutions, but realized that domestic residents were contributing. Fresno is in Tulare Lake Basin with no outlet: groundwater to groundwater. They have a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) with an electrical conductivity (EC) limit of 500umhos/cm over source water. Maybe increase due to water conservation. Everything with salts (dissolved minerals) will leave a “salt” footprint. Individuals can use dry clean-up methods (sweep), liquid instead of powder detergents, dry softeners instead of liquid. Rosa showed a media TV clip and pamphlets put in with bills. Website - www.fresnowastewater.org.</p> <p>Marianne of RadioDisney</p> <p>Kids, tweens, family radio station. Most kids are under 14 years. 43 radio stations in US. In SF, LA, Sac in CA.</p>

	<u>Committee Reports & Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration & Organization Leadership & Legislation Communications Diversity Disney's Environmental Challenge 	Committee Leads	11:00 – 11:10 2 minutes each	Admin & Organ: Handbook updated is on line. New Roster Leadership & Legislation: no meetings Communications: Some agencies have non-profit booths, but no CEEIN booth. Perhaps CEEIN pamphlets can be given out at agency booths, and CEEIN back drop can be put up in room where the strand is located. Diversity: no meetings Environmentality : Action item is to discuss what is new with Environmentality
	Miscellaneous Topics	All	11:10-11:15	Annie asked about acknowledgement for reviewing EEI units. She has not heard if her comments were received. CIWMB rep will check on it.
5.	What's New In Your World	All	11:15-11:25	Coastal Cleanup week Cal Biodiversity Council Fall meeting in Oakland on Children in Nature. Executive level but other people can attend 10/8-9 Dept of Conservation: An entertaining children's educational DVD premiering on 10/3 at the Secretary of State Auditorium (by RSVP only), regarding the threats to rivers, creeks, and the ocean; is titled "Something's Fishy at the River"; created by the American River Natural History Association and Dept. of Fish and Game; sponsored in part by Dept. of Conservation. Contact Bruce Forman if you would like to help sponsor the next two DVDs that are being created. The themes for the next two are: rivers and waterways, and rivers and invasive species. Chris Graillat is producing an Energy Ology calendar. Agencies can sponsor a month.
6.	Meeting Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify Action Items Pending Items/Parking Lot Develop October Meeting Agenda Evaluate Meeting 	Sandra	11:25 -11:30	Next meeting: October 16, 2008 Host: Cheryl Williams, CIWMB Note Taker: Ed Wong, ARB Location: Cal/EPA, Room 350

Meeting Protocol Agreements:

- Start and end meetings on time; stay on track on agenda.
- Listen and treat others' opinions with respect.
- Keep commitments to agreements and assignments (i.e., follow-up, time frames, due dates, etc.).
- Make participation in the meeting your priority; keep cell phones on vibrate and only accept emergency calls (outside the meeting room).
- A quorum of 11 CEEIN Members is needed to hold a meeting.
- For major decisions, if consensus can't be reached, the issue will be put to a vote of the CEEIN members present at the following meeting.
- Make a conscious effort to conduct the meeting in an environmentally friendly manner.

ACTION ITEMS: Talk about Environmentality